

REMARKS

Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of this application in view of the following remarks. For the Examiner's convenience and reference, Applicant's remarks are presented in substantially the same order in which the corresponding issues were raised in the Office Action.

Status of the Claims

Claims 17-28, 33-36 and 40-45 are pending. Claims 28, 36 and 43-45 have been cancelled without prejudice. Claims 17-27, 33-35 and 40-42 are allowed. No claims have been amended. No claims have been added. No new matter has been added.

Response to Objections

The specification stands objected to as failing to provide proper antecedent basis for the claimed subject matter. Since claims 28, 36 and 43-45 have been canceled, the objection is moot; Applicant respectfully request that the objection to the specification be withdrawn.

Response to Rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph

The Office Action rejected claims 28, 36 and 43-45 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which Applicant regards as his invention. Since claims 28, 36 and 43-45 have been canceled, the objection is moot; Applicant respectfully request that the rejection of claims 28, 36 and 43-45 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph be withdrawn.

CONCLUSION

It is respectfully submitted that in view of the amendments and remarks set forth herein, the rejections and objections have been overcome. If the Examiner believes a telephone interview would expedite the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to contact Kevin Grange at 408-720-8300.

Respectfully submitted,

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